GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NHS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned and released to the West Bengal Government for development and construction of National Highways/Expressways/State Highways and for connecting villages with National Highways during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount utilised by the State Government under the various heads till date;

(c) the progress made so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring proper utilisation of the said funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) The Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways of the country. The works for development of some State roads including State Highways are also sanctioned by this Ministry on recommendation of the State Government as per Central Road Fund (State Roads) Rule, 2007. Village roads do not come under the purview of this Ministry. The amount allocated, released and utilised by the Government of West Bengal, during each of the last three years and current year till October 2010 is at Annex-I

(c) During the last three years and the current year till 31st October 2010, a total 66 number of National Highways works in the State of West Bengal with aggregate amount of Rs. 505.73 crore have been sanctioned by Ministry. During the same period, 47 ongoing National Highways works amounting to Rs. 410.61 crore have been completed. Under CRF scheme, 10 works amounting to Rs. 261.83 crore have been sanctioned in West Bengal during this period and one ongoing work amounting to Rs. 11.57 crore has been completed.

(d) Progress of works sanctioned by the Ministry are periodically monitored through review meetings taken at various level as well as site inspection by the Ministry and the State Government officials.